Title: Need to take steps not to close gold mines of BGML with a view to protect the interests of workers -laid.

SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA (KOLAR): Sir, closing the gold mines in a phased manner in Kolar Gold Fields has sent shock waves among the people of Kolar District, particularly in Bangarpet, Robertsonpet, Andersonpet, Oorigaum and other adjoining areas of Kolar Gold Field. This measure would lend several thousands of mine workers jobless. About three lakh people and depending upon these gold mines. Closure of gold mines will render these people jobless. Gold mineral is [Bavailable not only in the various mines of KGF but also in the neighbouring areas. Hence I request the hon. Minister of Steel and Mines not to close the gold mines of BGML under any circumstances.